



1942 Round 13 Saturday 1st August Sports Ground



Eastern Suburbs 20

def.

Western Suburbs 13

Johnny PARKER
 Gerald WENDEN
 Tommy KAINÉ
 Dick DUNN
 Percy DERMOND
 Wally O'CONNELL
 Sel LISLE
 Len PORTSMOUTH
 Don GULLIVER
 Henry PIERCE
 Doug FRY
 Wal ALLEN
 Ray STEHR (c)

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row

Les RIGBY
 Henry MARTIN
 John BECKETT
 Bruce BROWN
 Les HOSCHKE
 Bill KEATO
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Fred McKEAN
 Ted EDWARDS
 Wal TAYLOR
 Thomas GREW
 Jack HOPE



Tries Wally O'CONNELL (2)
 Tommy KAINÉ
 Sel LISLE

Henry MARTIN
 Les HOSCHKE
 John BECKETT

Goals Dick DUNN (4)

Bill KEATO (2)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: J Parker; three-quarters: G Wenden, T Kaine, R Dunn, P Dermond; halves: W O'Connell, S Lisle; forwards: L Portsmouth, D Gulliver, H Pierce, D Fry, WAllen, R Stehr (capt)

Western Suburbs: Full-back: L Rigby; three-quarters: B Brown, L Hoschke, J Beckett, H Martin; halves: W Keato, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, E Edwards, F McKean, W Taylor, T Grew, J Hope **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 8th August 1942)**

J Beckett, in his initial game with the Firsts, created a good impression, and with experience will go a long way in the game.... congratulations to Ted Edwards on his game last Saturday. There are few keener players in the club than Ted.... B Brown was tried as centre against Easts and proved a great success. Bruce is one of the straightest runners in the game and he is unfortunate not to have caught the eye of the city selectors for an opportunity in the bigger games.... Eric Bennett, who has been in camp, is the proud father of a baby boy. Another player for Wests we hope. **(Rugby League News 8th August 1942)**

About 2000 saw the game start. Kaine sent play deep into West's territory, where Stehr secured, but was well held by Hoschke. Beckett then showed his pace to dive over near the corner flag after McGuinness, Keato, Hoschke, and Brown had handled. Keato goaled and Wests led 5-nil. Following a ruck, Dunn was heavily tackled. He was treated by an ambulance man and led into the dressing-room by Claude Seabrook, He appeared dazed. Keato was playing cleverly in his new position, and was combining nicely with McGuinness. Easts looked dangerous when Lisle passed to O'Connell, but Kaine dropped a "sitter." Hoschke scored a spectacular try for Wests when an Eastern Suburbs back dropped a pass near half-way, and Hoschke kicked the ball well downfield. Brown attempted but failed to pounce on it, and Hoschke dived to make the try. Keato goaled and Wests led 10-nil. Hoschke was injured and left the field. A cheer greeted Dunn's return after twenty minutes absence. O'Connell secured from a ruck 25 yards from the line and cut through nicely to score under the posts. Dunn goaled and the scores were: Wests 10, Easts 5. Lisle "dummied" and passed to McGuinness, on to Kaine, who weaved h his way through a mass of defenders to dive over under the posts. Dunn goaled. Half- time scores: Eastern Suburbs 10, Western Suburbs 10.

During the half-time interval, Hoschke was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital with an injured shoulder, and Wests was left with 12 men. Edwards secured and sent a pass to Martin, who raced from midway between his own 25 and half-way to the try line, mainly pursued by Dermond. It was a brilliant effort by this young winger. Keato missed the goal, and Wests had regained the lead 13-10. Following a great run by Wenden, Lisle secured the ball to score under the posts. Dunn goaled. Easts 15, Wests 13. A linesman intervened following a ruck, and Stehr was spoken to by Referee Oxford. Arnold gave O'Connell a short run to the line. Dunn goaled. Play was held up while Pearce received ambulance attention, and he was taken to the sideline. Then O'Connell and Keato lay prone on the ground. Keato was taken into the dressing-room. **(The Sun 1st August 1942)**

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Notes: John Beckett made a debut and played his only First Grade game, displaying good pace to score in the corner. Billy Keato went to five-eighth and Bruce Brown to inside centre, with both moves being very successful. This was a typical Easts-Wests roughhouse match with lots of bumps and more serious injuries. Wests were on top when Les Hoschke, who had just scored a brilliant try, dislocated his shoulder and had to leave the field, going to hospital. This meant for more than half the season they had played matches with only 12 men. They were reduced to 11 men when Bill Keato was forced off with a cut forehead fifteen minutes from the end. They only lost the match in the last few minutes; an heroic effort.